

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
September 10, 2012 – 5 p.m.**

MINUTES

Proper notice of the regular scheduled Pelham City Council Work Session was given at least 72 hours in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted through the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham City Council met on September 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Council Conference Room in Pelham City Hall and was open to the public. The work session was called to order by Council President Riddle at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Council President Teresa Riddle
Councilmember Bill Meadows
Councilmember Steve Powell
Councilmember Karyl Rice
Councilmember Ron Scott

Media Present: Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter, Keysha Drexel, Birmingham News.

Others present: City department heads, city employees and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the August 20, 2012 regular work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows and by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Murphy elected to hold his comments until the regular council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Dr. Riddle reviewed the council agenda for September 10, 2012.

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Roll Call

E. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 10, 2012 City Council Agenda.
2. Approval of the August 20, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes and September 4, 2012 special City Council meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the following non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts.

911 Account – Total Cost \$ 14,961.25; Current 911 Account Balance: \$ 42,066.79

Request to purchase one (1) tower server, 1 Revco 16 Channel Analog Card and Software Bundle, 6 Revco COiP, Fixed Channel, Permanent License cost per channel and one (1) Amphenon Cable 25 pair, 10 feet.

NOTE: Shelby County 911 has agreed to reimburse the City of Pelham's 911 Account in the amount of \$ 10,000.00, total out-of-pocket expense \$ 4,961.25.

911 Account – Total Cost \$ 300.00; Current 911 Account Balance: \$ 42,066.79

Request to purchase and install a Dual Data Outlet for the 911 Dispatch Office.

F. Public Hearing - None

G. Mayor's Comments

H. Proclamations - None

I. Requests to Address the Council

Cynthia Blackwell, Strathaven Phase III (Ballantrae) regarding recent flooding.

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. Resolution 2012-09-10-01 for consideration to approve the low base bid from Haren Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$ 1,132,000.00 for the renovation of Sewer Lift Station "M" subject to city attorney approval of the contract documents and further authorizing the mayor to sign such contract on behalf of the City of Pelham. The Sewer Lift Station "M" Project will be included in the Sewer Department's FY2013 capital improvements budget. Mr. Powell explained \$ 900,000.00 of the expense was budgeted in the FY2012 capital improvement budget. A revised Resolution 2012-09-10-01 was distributed by Mr. Powell notating those prior budget commitments. Mrs. Rice asked if the upgrade would eliminate the odor problem in the area. Stuckey Godfrey, Municipal Consultants, Inc, said the odor problem would not be eliminated with the upgrade. He stated it would take approximately three to four weeks to study the odor problem. This study would not affect the current sewer lift station upgrade. Public Works Director Eddy Jowers explained the rehabilitation work required on Lift Station "M" was due to age and wear and tear. Mrs. Rice asked what the cost would be to eliminate or reduce the odor problem. Dr. Riddle noted the contract must be awarded in 60 days from the bid opening date of August 2, 2012. Mr. Meadows stated the odor issue is a separate issue. Mrs. Rice moved to table the resolution until September 17, 2012. Mr. Meadows seconded the motion. Said motion passed by a vote of 4-1 with Dr. Riddle voting no. Dr. Riddle requested Resolution 2012-09-10-01 be placed on the agenda for September 17, 2012. Resolution 2012-09-10-01 was removed from the agenda.
2. Resolution 2012-09-10-02 for consideration to approve the low bid from JCB of Alabama in the amount of \$ 28,620.16 for an asphalt packer for the City of Pelham Street Department. Said expenditure was included in the Street Departments FY2012 budget in the amount of \$ 33,000.00.
3. Mr. Rice asked that Resolution 2012-09-10-03 be added to the agenda limiting expenditures at the Pelham Civic Complex to those of a "necessary and essential" nature through November 5, 2012. Mrs. Rice mentioned the possibility of painting, landscaping and building modifications occurring at the Pelham Civic Complex. Mr. Meadows seconded the motion. Said motion passed by a vote of 4-1 with Dr. Riddle voting no.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

1. Pelham Municipal Runoff Election: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Pelham Civic Complex. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

N. Adjournment

Old Business – AS TIME PERMITS

1. Presentation by Pat DeLorenzo, SportsPlex of America, regarding the Pelham Civic Complex.

Mr. DeLorenzo spoke to the council regarding the plans to modernize and upgrade the Pelham Civic Complex if purchased by his firm, Sportsplex of America. Marketing strategies were discussed to bring more patrons into the building. Benefits to the community were highlighted including more tournaments resulting to an increase in lodging and sales taxes to the City of Pelham. Mr. DeLorenzo talked about improving the recreational programs at the Pelham Civic Complex. He stated the facility must meet the needs of the public. Mayor Murphy asked if Sportsplex was ready to make an offer. Mr. DeLorenzo stated there would be additional due diligence required in order to make a firm offer to the City. Mayor Murphy mentioned the parking lot issues at the Pelham Civic Complex. Mr. DeLorenzo stated they are aware of this issue with the adjacent amphitheater property owner, Live Nation Worldwide, Inc. Mr. Scott mentioned the debt service on the Civic Complex. Mr. DeLorenzo stated he has met with the Pelham Civic Complex Advisory Board. He further stated if Sportsplex purchased the facility they would retain the “Pelham Civic Complex” name.

2. Highway 261 Corridor Flooding

Findley Frazier and D.J. Strickland, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, addressed the city council regarding the FEMA flood mitigation grant which was applied for in July 2009. Mr. Frazier stated he hoped to have an approval letter from FEMA within 30 days. He further stated all environment hurdles have been cleared. Mr. Frazier cautioned the city from purchasing any homes in the area. He stated any expenditure outside the grant would be the responsibility of the city. Any expenditure within the grant is subject to 75% reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Frazier reviewed for the council the scope of the project.

3. Moore-Handley / Summer Classics Update

Mayor Murphy stated he would like to discuss the Moore-Handley project in open council meeting. Mr. Powell questioned the rate of interest proposed by Shelby County.

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Adjournment

Mrs. Rice moved to adjourn the work session and said motion was seconded by Mr. Meadows. The motion passed unanimously by those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of September 2012.



Tom Seale, CMC, City Clerk

